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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 April 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 10-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10-13 and 23-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. **Claims 10-13, 23-26**, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over

Paravia et al. (US Patent Number 6,508,710) in view of Fitch et al. (US Patent Number 2002/0022862).

Regarding claims 10, 23, Paravia teaches a method for use in an interactive wagering system (col 1 lines 60-67) comprising:

a communications device that is operable in a wireless communications network in a plurality of localities (col 3 lines 4-15), comprising:

implementing a user-interactive wagering application to provide a wagering service that is operable to a user from the communications device (col 3 lines 21-31);

preventing the user from wagering using the wagering application when the mobile wireless communications device is being operated in a locality where wagering is not legal (col 3 lines 40-56).

Paravia fails to teach that a method of determining in which one of the localities the user is currently operating the mobile wireless communication device based on which one of a plurality

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of the base station wireless communications device is associated. However Fitch teaches a method of determining in which one of the localities the user is currently operating the mobile wireless communication device based on which one of a plurality of the base station wireless communications device is associated (page 2 lines section 0013). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the above teaching of Fitch with Paravia, in order to provide a service provider a map that identifies one or more areas of the interest, the area of the interest can be the area that the wagering is not legal

Regarding claims 11, 24, Paravia fails to teach a method/system wherein the mobile wireless communications device comprises a cellular telephone. However Fitch teaches a method/system wherein the mobile wireless communications device comprises a cellular telephone (page 2 section 0013). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the above teaching of Fitch with Paravia, in order to provide a service provider of a cellular phone a map that identifies one or more areas of the interest, the area of the interest can be the area that the wagering is not legal

Regarding claims 12, 25, Paravia teaches a method wherein comprises a table that includes location information and corresponding rules for different localities (col 19 lines 14-30).

Regarding claims 13, 26, Paravia teaches a method wherein responding comprises responding differently based on which one of the localities the user is currently in when the user selects to access the specific service (col 3 lines 21-31).

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Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 10-13, 23-36, have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

4. **Any responses to this action should be mailed to:**

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Melody Mehrpour whose telephone number is (703) 308-7159. The

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examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday (first week of bi-week) and Monday through Friday (second week of bi-week) from 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If attempt to reach the examiner are unsuccessful the examiner's supervisor, Marsha Banks-Harold be reached (703)305-4379

July 2, 2004


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